

NSW Government Response to Net Zero Commission 2024 Annual Report

I would like to express my thanks to the Net Zero Commission (the Commission) for delivering its first annual report to me on 1 November 2024.

The Commission's report highlights the significant progress New South Wales has made in its climate commitments, the ongoing work across different sectors of the economy, as well as the challenges we continue to face and the opportunities that lie ahead. It also identifies areas that will be a primary focus for its future work.

The Joint Standing Committee on Net Zero Future is currently conducting an inquiry into the Commission's annual report, as per their Terms of Reference. The Committee's report is due to be tabled on 28 March 2025.

As flagged in my tabling letter, I intend to consider the Committee's report prior to finalising and publishing the Government response to ensure it is comprehensive. The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is leading this response, with input and consultation from agencies across government. I anticipate this will be published in May 2025.

To align this for future years, I intend to update the statutory timeframes to allow sufficient time to accommodate the inquiry's report into the Government response.

I look forward to continuing our work with the Commission as we take meaningful action on climate change and work towards a sustainable future for New South Wales.

Sincerely



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